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Dear Mr. Niemela and Mr. Fivas:

Load Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) for Bridge Projects

Beginning with projects having a grade inspection meeting in September 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is requiring the designs to be completed using the LRFD specifications. Any project that has had a grade inspection prior to September 2007 will be able to be completed using the Local Factor Design specifications. All plan notes relating to the method of design will need to reflect the correct specifications.

If you have any questions concerning the use of LRFD, please feel free to contact Mark Harrison, at (517) 373-2346 or via e-mail at harrisonm@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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